

Application No. 09/981,603  
Amendment "A" dated April 21, 2003  
Reply to Office Action dated December 20, 2002

Customer No. 30223

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application Of:

Robert F. Dvorak  
Kon B. Wong

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For: Arc Fault Circuit Interrupter  
System

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Examiner: Boris Benenson

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AMENDMENT "A"

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 20, 2002. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing date, i.e., by March 20, 2003. A Petition for a one (1) month extension of time is submitted herewith, extending the time period for response to April 21, 2003. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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